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SUBJECT: MBFR: DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR AHG ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA
AND ON THE COMMON CEILING

A) MBFR VIENNA 199; B) USNATO 4411; C) STATE 185692; D) STATE
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1. SPC ON SEPTEMBER 2 ASKED INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO DRAFT GUIDANCE
FOR AHG BASED ON CONSENSUS IN COMMITTEE RE TWO OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED
IN AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. IS, INCONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED
DELEGATIONS INCLUDING U.S., HAS JUST CIRCULATED TWO DRAFT TEXTS,
AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXTS

DATA OF OVERALL AIR FORCE MANPOWER OF BOTH SIDES-PARA 8, AHG
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IF, IN EXCHANGES, THE WARSAW PACT REPRESENTATIVES CRITICIZE THE
ALLIED CONCEPT OF A COMMON CEILING BECAUSE OF THE EXCLUSION FROM IT
OF AIR FORCE MANPOWER OR ALLUDE TO AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN SOME
OTHER WAY, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS MAY RESPOND BY SAYING THAT,

ACCORDING TO ALLIED ESTIMATES, THE AIR FORCE MANPOWER TOTALS OF THE TWO SIDES ARE VERY CLOSE BUT WITH A SLIGHT WARSAW PACT SUPERIORITY. IF THE WARSAW PACT REPRESENTATIVES DISPUTE THIS, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS MIGHT SUGGEST A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF AGGREGATE AIR PERSONNEL TOTALS. IN THE ABSENCE OF RECIPROCAL DATA FROM THE WARSAW PACT, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD ONLY MAKE NON-NUMERICAL STATEMENTS.

POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT OF COMMON CEILING FIGURE-PARA 9, AHG REQUEST

THERE IS NO NEED AT THIS TIME TO CHANGE THE ILLUSTRATIVE COMMON CEILING FIGURE OF "ABOUT 700,000" SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 25 OF C-M(73)83(FINAL)(1). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF UNAVOIDABLE FORCE FLUCTUATIONS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE EAST UNDERSTAND THE APPROXIMATE AND ILLUSTRATIVE NATURE OF THIS FIGURE.

(1) REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE MBFR WORKING GROUP'S REPORT ENTITLED "IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED DATA FOR NATO AND WARSAW PACT MANPOWER" (AC/276-D(74)7).

END TEXTS

3. COMMENT: FIRST TEXT, ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA, REPRESENTS EFFORT TO HARMONIZE UK (PARA 5, REF B), AND U.S. (REF C) POSITIONS. FIRST TEXT APPEARS TO US RESPONSIVE TO PROPOSAL SET FORTH BY AHG IN PARA 8, REF A, AND CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POSITION. SECOND TEXT, ON COMMON CEILING, APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. VIEWS STATED IN PARA 4, REF D.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THIS DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG, FOR SPC MEETING SEPTEMBER 9.
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